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Argument IN FAVOR of Measure ____

In 2018, Superior Court Judge Thomas Kuhnle ruled in a California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") lawsuit against the City of Santa Clara that the "at-large" voting system previously used by the City impaired the ability of minorities to elect candidates as result of the dilution and abridgment of their rights as voters. As remediation, the City moved to elect council members in six districts, with the mayor elected at-large. In a unanimous decision in 2020, the State Appellate Court upheld the ruling that allowed the first council member of Asian descent to be elected in the history of the City.

Measure __ would update the City Charter to be consistent with the court ruling, protect the city from further litigation, and preserve the quality and diversity of candidates in elected office.

Your YES vote will retain the district system currently in place to ensure that all parts of Santa Clara are fairly represented on city council. In addition to the geographic diversity, the move to districts also enabled minority candidates to have representation proportional to their population in the city.

With Measure __ residents of districts will have easier access to council members who live in close proximity to their neighborhoods and understand the local issues.

Having to campaign throughout the entire city gave an inordinate advantage to incumbents and made it harder for new candidates to campaign effectively. Keeping our six-district system will retain diversity of opinions, backgrounds, and neighborhoods as well guard against influence from special interests by keeping campaign costs low.

Vote YES on Measure __ for more diverse, locally representative government, council members who care about your community, distribution of political power, and representation for all residents.

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**ARGUMENT
DECLARATION BY AUTHOR(S) OR PROPONENT(S)
(Elections Code § 9161, 9164, 9501, 9501.5, 9600)**

The undersigned author(s) of the argument in favor of ~~against~~ ballot measure _____ at the _____
(circle one) (letter)

STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY election for the City of Santa Clara
(title of election) (name of jurisdiction)

to be held on 6/7/2022 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best
(date of election)

of their knowledge and belief.
(his / her / their)

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Signature Date
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